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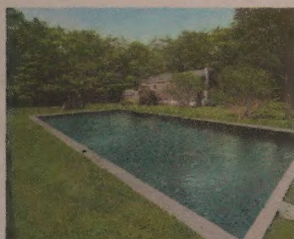
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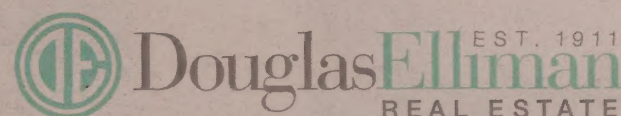


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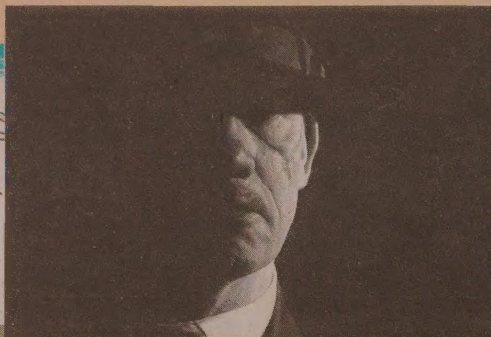
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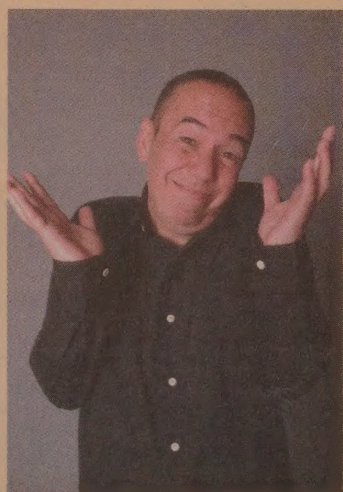
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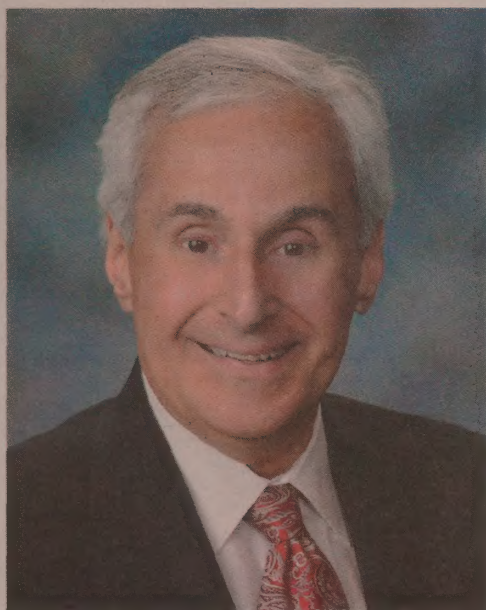
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Logan, starring Southampton's **Hugh Jackman**, opened to big numbers last weekend. The final installment of the popular Wolverine franchise took the top box-office spot, earning \$85.3 million in North American theaters. It also brought in \$152.5 million overseas. The strong debut makes *Logan* one of the biggest March film openings ever.

On the small screens: **Jerry Seinfeld**, East Hampton's favorite funnyman, will headline Colossal Clusterfest, a new comedy festival held by Comedy Central this June. The three-day event will also include appearances by **Kevin Hart**, **Sara Silverman**, **Ice Cube**, **Bill Burr**, **Maya Rudolph** and many others. All performances will take place in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza and Bill Graham Civic Auditorium. East Hampton's **Alec Baldwin** stopped by *Jimmy Kimmel Live* last Wednesday. During his interview, Baldwin discussed his regular role as **President Donald Trump** on *Saturday Night Live*, and hinted that he's trying to fill in for the president during the annual White House Correspondents' Dinner on April 29. Of the suggestion that others might be lobbying for the chance, Kimmel said, "It should be whoever the president hates seeing do it the most, and that's undoubtedly you."

Water Mill resident **Jennifer Lopez** visited *The View* last week. Among other topics, the singer, actress and former *American Idol* judge discussed *Shades of Blue*, her drama series on NBC. The show's second season began this week. East Ender **Jill Zarin** will make an appearance during the ninth season of *Real Housewives of New York*—her first since this original cast member left the show at the end of season four.

Foodie bites: Last year's über popular summer pop-up from **Chef Arie Pavlou** and wife **Liz Cordano**, *Bistro Été*, has found a permanent, year-round home in the former Muse restaurant space in The Mill (formerly known as the Water Mill Shoppes). Transformed by interior designer **Karen Gorman**, the new boîte reflects an understated chic and comfortable style that will transport you to the coast of France—look for a grand opening in late April. **Lance Posner**, who owns the picturesque Water Mill farmhouse that housed *Bistro Été* and the former Robert's restaurant says he's excited about this season's new, as yet unnamed, tenant. You would be too, if they delivered to your upstairs deck! Word on the street is that the former Fresh Hamptons will soon be pushing naan when Saaz of Southampton opens up a second outlet in this prime Bridgehampton location. At last Le Bilboquet, the French (Continued on page 12)

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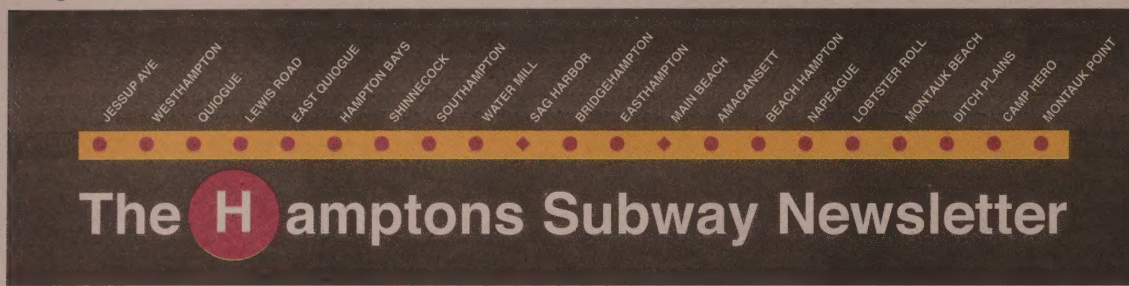
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DOWN IN THE TUBE

Jimmy Fallon was seen going eastbound between Water Mill and Bridgehampton on Thursday at 4 p.m. Going the other way, so the trains passed each other, was Kelly Ripa of Water Mill headed west. They might have seen each other. Gwyneth Paltrow was seen heading from Amagansett to Montauk on Friday at 3 p.m. She was carrying a goldfish bowl carefully.

MESSAGE FROM COMMISSIONER BILL ASPINALL

I want to thank everybody who visited me in the hospital last week. I don't know what comes over me. I get so irrational and angry, they take me in, they fix me up. I'm back and I'm my old avuncular self. Welcome, regular editorial staff, of the newsletter, the rest of this is all yours.

ART EXHIBIT

Until now, there's been no real reason to visit

the Hamptons Subway building on Ponquogue Avenue in Hampton Bays unless you are an employee. Now that's changed. Next Saturday, the corridor leading to the conference room on the second floor will be open to the public as an art gallery. This first exhibit will be a group of framed photographs, taken over the years, of all the different accidents that have occurred on the Hamptons Subway. You'll see the famous head-on collision next to the Quogue Platform of July 22, 2008, the over-fast Subway train roll over at Trout Pond in Noyac in August 3, 2011, and the famous breakdown stalled train sideswipe of July 3, 2014 and many more. The Corridor Gallery, as we call it, will be open to anyone who wants to stop by through the end of March, Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SANTUARY SUBWAY STOREROOM ATTACK CALLED OFF

Commissioner Aspinall's recovery happened just in time. Two weeks ago, as you all know, a "sanctuary city" was found operating in a subway system warehouse entered from the side of the tunnel between Southampton and Shinnecock, complete with beds, dining facilities and classrooms for undocumented aliens. Last week

Mr. Aspinall ordered it cleaned out and shut down. As Mr. Aspinall was getting signed out of the hospital, the Hamptons Subway security force, equipped with teargas, flamethrowers and grenades was just five minutes from the full-scale assault he'd ordered— and then he called it off. "My wife is baking chocolate chip cookies for these people now," he told the media. "It's her private recipe."

SUBWAY EAVESDROPPING MICROPHONES REMOVED

After many straphangers complained about the eavesdropping microphones that were attached just above the windows on every car, they were removed on Monday. Commissioner Aspinall said he doesn't remember ordering them put up last month, but if he did it, he is sorry. The central hard drive where the data is stored has been wiped clean and it's a new day.

SPEEDED UP SERVICE

The government regulation that made it illegal to run a Hamptons Subway faster than 41 miles an hour between stations for safety reasons was rescinded by Presidential Order last Thursday. Beginning on Monday, subway trains will be speeded up by 9 miles an hour, resulting in straphangers getting where they are going at the breakneck speed of 50 miles an hour. This will be better for business and just better for everybody. And though now it will result in the trains getting up on two wheels as they go around the hairpin turn at Trout Pond, the distance the cars are up off the tracks is only 50 yards and the subway wheels never rises up more than 11 inches. We've run tests and it seems safe. 🐾

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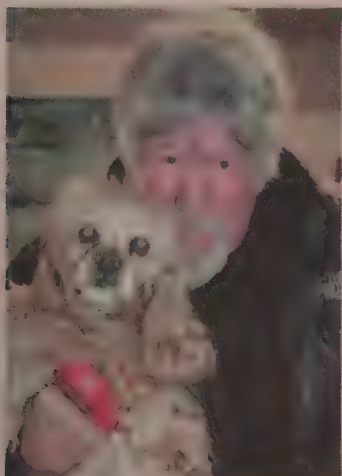
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Opening Reception and Artist's Talk with Scott Bluedorn at artUNPRIMED in Sag Harbor

An opening reception was held for the TERRA Group Exhibition at artUNPRIMED in Sag Harbor on Saturday, March 4. Scott Bluedorn was the featured artist at the Artist's Talk. An opening reception followed. **Photographs by Barbara Lassen**



Lola Ruehl and artist David Geiser



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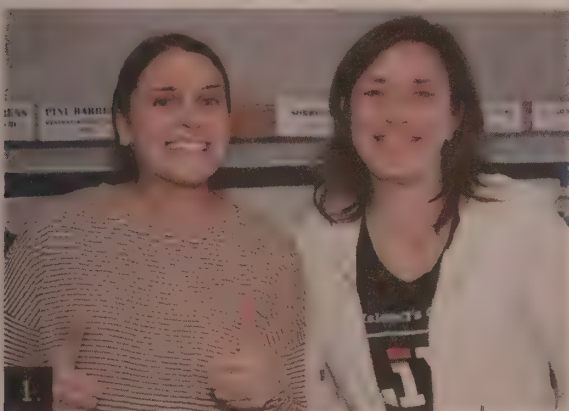
Artist Dalton Portella



Owner Casey Dalene, artist Scott Bluedorn, artist Will Ryan

LI Winterfest Live on the Vine at Long Island Spirits

Long Island Winterfest Live on the Vine continues through March 19 as the East End marks its 10th year honoring this festive tradition of live music. Nick Kerzner performed on Saturday March 4 at Long Island Spirits in Baiting Hollow as visitors enjoyed local spirits such as LiV Vodka. **Photographs by Barbara Lassen**



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1. Jackie Andersen, Kimberly Walters of LI Spirits
2. Caryn, Debbie, Rhonda and Kate Balot enjoyed the show
3. Nick Kerzner provided live music at LI Spirits

Opry at Coast Grill in Noyac

The East End Opry features live music by local musicians on Sundays at the popular Coast Grill on Noyac Road, outside of Southampton. On February 19, the Spaghetti Westerners were the featured act, performing their unique brand of scratchy rockabilly. **Photographs by Jennifer Meihofer**



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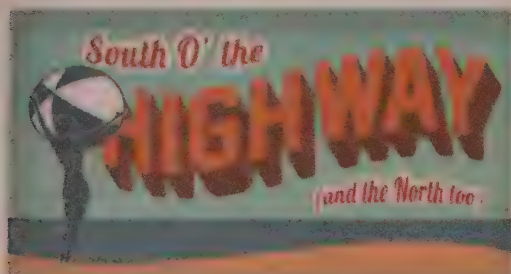
1. Paul Anthony, Joan Macri
2. Spaghetti Westerners Dante Mazzetti, on guitar, and Joe Haines get people rocking to their rockabilly jam
3. Fred Raimondo, Music Coordinator for the Opry, with percussionist Jean Shroeder



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bistro on East 60th Street in Manhattan, is to have an outpost in the former harborside B. Smith's space on Sag Harbor's Long Wharf. Rumors about this proposed eatery have been flying around for several years now. Financier **Ron Perelman**, who owns the Creeks estate on Georgica Pond in East Hampton, is a partner in

the business. **Eric Clapton** is among its New York partners—no word yet on whether the famous hunter, fisherman and musician will be a regular sight at Sag Harbor's Le Bilboquet. The space has been gutted preparatory to remodeling for a summer opening—it most recently housed the very short-lived (even by East End standards) Decker's. In the summer of 2015 it served as an outpost of midtown east's Harlow, called Harlow East. So now Sag Harbor, the former "Unhampton," joins other East End villages that boast French bistros—Southampton has Le Charlot and Le Chef, while Bridgehampton has Pierre's and Almond...Riverhead Cider House tasting room and restaurant is now open on Sound Avenue, offering a wide variety of naturally harvested apple ciders and other apple products, local

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Last week, Sagaponack real estate maven and cookbook author **Hillary Davis** toured the Mecox Bay Dairy farm with owners **Arthur** and **Peter Ludlow** preparatory to her upcoming cookbook, which will focus on East End ingredients and foodways. The farming operation is doubling its output and constructing an onsite store.



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Deer Smarts

Local Deer Are Learning How to Get Along in Traffic

BY DAN RATTINER

Have you noticed that deer on the East End are paying closer attention to the traffic these days? I have. I was driving through the woods along a straight stretch of Stephen Hands Path in East Hampton late the other night when my headlights shone on a deer about a quarter-mile ahead by the shoulder of the road, eating some grass. I was the only car in the area at that hour and I did what I always do, which is slow down and look to see which way the deer would bolt. He'd look up, stare, then bolt. I also looked around for another deer. Like humans, they usually go around in pairs, or in threes or fours. Years ago, I went head-on into a deer that bolted the wrong way. Another year, a deer leaped out from the woods right into the side of my car. You don't forget these things.

But that was then and this is now. And this deer didn't bolt. He just looked at my car, nodded at me—had he really NODDED?—and then went back to his nibbling on the grass. I went by. Come to think of it, I haven't hit a deer in years.

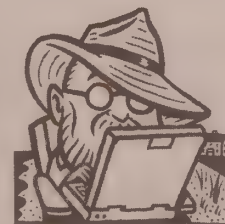
Is it possible? Could it really be that the deer on the East End have learned about cars?

If you're new to the East End, you couldn't say yes or no. But I've been out here for 60 years and I can say that because the average lifespan of a deer is maybe 5 years, this is at least 11 generations of deer from when I got here. Genetically, it is entirely possible a herd of deer could change in that time, lose their fear of cars, and keep their distance from them when they see one coming.

I'd bet statistics on this would bear me out. They ought to do an investigation. Compare the number of encounters between cars and deer as a percentage of the total number of deer and cars. These days it will be lower. And it's not because cars or the people in them are smarter than they used to be.

Keep in mind that with genetics, among other things, it's the survival of the fittest. Genetics could have played a part because the really stupid deer who startle at cars and race off into the driver's side are just plain dead. The smart survive. It makes perfect sense.

The deer today also look smaller than they used to. This could happen, too. There have been hard winters for the deer population. Some winters they nibble clean the leaves on all the branches of the (Continued on next page)



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Deer *(Continued from previous page)*

trees in the woods by late fall. Even the pine trees. You see the greenery starting about eight feet up. That's as high as a deer can reach. Below that is just branches.

And that line gets lower and lower as the years pass.

I might note that in the years before the people of Japan embraced western ways, they were on average nearly half a foot shorter than the average westerner. This is four human generations ago. I certainly remember it. Now they are about the same height as westerners, just 2 or 3 inches shorter on average. Could it be diet—fish and rice in the old days—and not genetics? I don't know. And I digress.

Here's another digression. Ten years ago, my wife and I spent 12 days in the jungles of Africa—Zambia, Botswana and South Africa. A driver took us out in an open car, a Land Rover, to see the animals in the wild every day. It's true that our driver and guide had an elephant gun mounted on the dashboard up front, but it was never used. We could be amongst lions and leopards, elephants and rhinoceros, some of them so close you could almost reach out and touch them. But they didn't bother us.

"They think of the car, and the people in it, as predators," the guide told us. "Predators don't bother other predators, unless they go after the same prey or they interfere with the raising of their young. They aren't going to bother you. Just don't challenge them."

We didn't. And they didn't.

I asked if it were always this way, and was told

no. In the early encounters with humans and predators, there was lots of trouble.

"The predators learned because we shot them if they attacked us. So now their progeny, when they see us, think of us as pretty good predators, for some reason they do not quite get."

Does anybody remember this next incident? It happened in Sag Harbor on Garden Street. This was way back when. These two big deer attacked a garbage truck. Knocked it over, tore it apart, ate the transmission, the engine, the tires, the driver, the trash bags, everything. Then the police came and shot them. You could see the other deer in that herd in the woods, looking on, the wheels turning in their heads.

Here's another story. And this actually happened. An American doctor went to a medical conference in Moscow and befriended a Russian doctor there. The American, who speaks Russian, said he had a country house in the Hamptons. If you ever get to America, look me up.

A year later, up in the Northwest Woods, the police got a call one day from someone saying there was a crazy looking man who'd dart out onto the road and pick up road kill and carry it off. The police investigated. Couldn't find anybody. The next day they were out and an officer saw a man doing this. The officer jumped out of his car and followed the man on foot through the woods to a remote cottage where the man, carrying a dead raccoon, went inside.

An hour later, police headquarters had

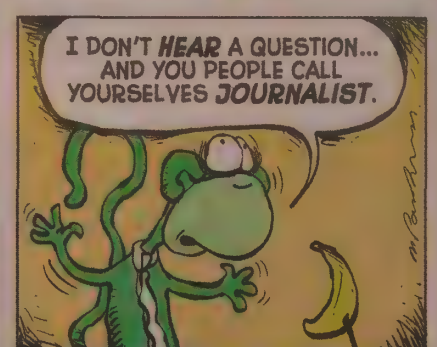
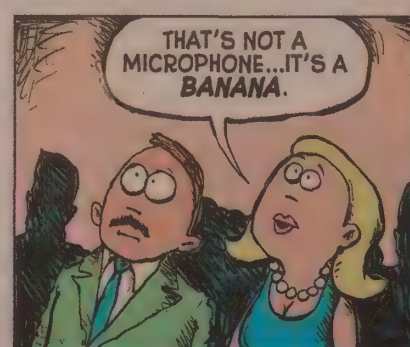
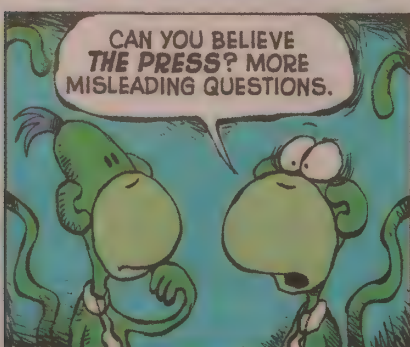
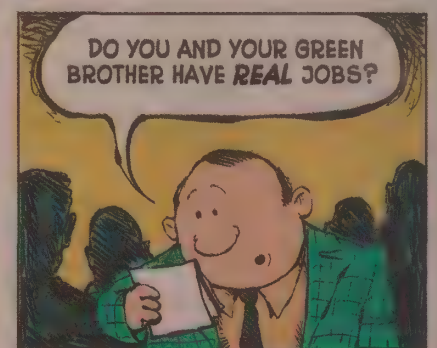
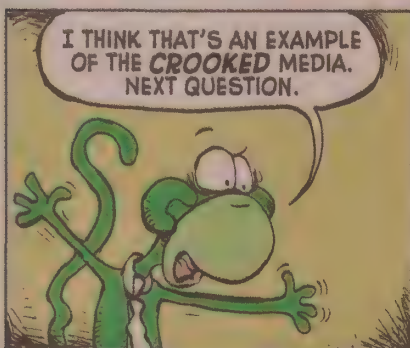
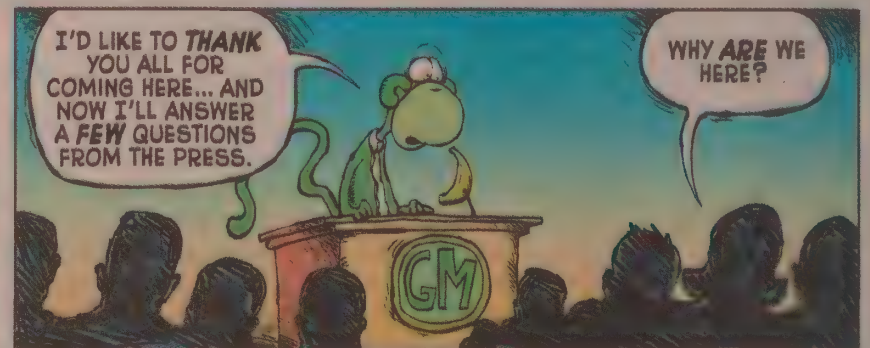
called an American doctor in Manhattan on the telephone to tell him what was going on. The man they were holding spoke no English, but, when approached, gave the police a note with the American doctor's name and phone number on it and indicated they should call him. The two doctors had been out at this fully stocked country house for a few days, but then the American doctor got an emergency phone call. He told his friend he had to immediately go to a hospital back in New York City, and he'd be back out as soon as he could and just eat the food, take walks, read some of his books and enjoy the place. Any problem with anybody, here's my name and phone number. Just have them call me.

Out in back of the cottage, the Russian had been drying out the skins of the road kill on a clothesline. He was making fur hats. He already had made two. Over the phone, the police asked the doctor to talk to the Russian they were holding and tell him they'd drop all charges and take him home if he'd not continue to make hats.

The Russian agreed.

Last night I was again out on Stephen Hands Path, coming home from the office. In the dark, up ahead, there was another deer. He smiled and raised a hoof and wiggled it at me. I smiled back. Then drove on.

It has come to this. 🐘





Unsolved Murders

Real Estate Moguls, Advertising Men and the Dark Side

BY DAN RATTINER

A picture of Nick Chavin, a friend I haven't seen in 25 years, was on the front page of *The New York Times* this past Saturday. He's a sensational new witness in a pre-trial examination involving millionaire Robert Durst. Durst, as you know, is serving time for other things but so far has not been convicted of murdering anyone, though he was around three people who, while he was around them, either vanished or got killed. They were his first wife (1982), his next-door neighbor (1994) and his friend Susan (2000).

Chavin, according to *The New York Times*, was a close friend of Robert Durst, going back to when they were in their 20s. Durst was best man at Chavin's wedding. Now he was offering sensational testimony about what he knew from all those years ago.

It did occur to me, reading *The New York Times* on Saturday, that at one point all these years ago, off-handedly, he had suggested I interview Robert Durst for the paper. Durst didn't have a house in the Hamptons, however,

so I didn't. But I did interview Seymour Durst, Robert Durst's father, at Nick's suggestion. And I also interviewed Nick, who did have a house in the Hamptons.

Nick Chavin, at the time I knew him, was the co-owner of the largest real estate advertising agency in New York City, Chavin Lambert. At the time, this was in 1990, I was actively selling advertising for *Dan's Papers*, often roaming around Madison Avenue looking for a sale. It was natural I came to meet Nick Chavin. I found him a funny and fascinating person. That year, he had a home in Montauk and another on Central Park South. I still recall that when I asked him how he had met his wife Terry, he told me he had a summer share in a house in Westhampton Beach that year, and one Saturday night, he came home late to the house but couldn't find the key to the front door. So he'd gone around back and climbed through a kitchen window to land in the sink where, as it turned out, a pretty girl was doing the dishes at that hour. He married her.

For advertising, and for interviews I was writing for *Dan's Papers* and a future book (it

came out in 1995, *Who's Here in the Hamptons*, published by Pushcart Press), he suggested I meet some of the major players in real estate in the city. He knew almost all of them. My interviewing them would help them, me and even him. Who wouldn't want to be profiled in *Dan's* and collected in a book?

I recall we went over who I could contact at several lunches at the Harvard Club in New York. I wrote the names and contact numbers down on a pad. They should either have houses in the Hamptons or at least come out to the Hamptons sometimes.

Through Nick I came to interview Barbara Corcoran (she was thinking of retiring,) Donald Zucker, Clark Halstead and Jerry Cohen ("There are two of them, both important," Nick told me. "One is very flamboyant and has no connection with the Hamptons. The other has a house on Shelter Island. A really personable guy." I interviewed the latter.)

He thought it important I interview Louise Sunshine, and I called her several times but nothing came of it. He suggested Mort Zuckerman, Stephen (Continued on next page)

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Ross of Related Companies, Donald Trump and Harry Helmsley.

"The Durst Organization is very important in New York City," he told me. "It's a family business and they own a ton of buildings. I could get you an interview with Robert Durst, one of the sons. Or the father, Seymour Durst, who is about to retire soon. But none of the Dursts comes out to the Hamptons."

I did interview Seymour Durst anyway. He was the man who had put up all the signs around the city that in illuminated lights revealed the constantly changing national debt going up and up and up. He also bought little ads on the bottom of the front page of *The New York Times* that served as alarming notes about that.

It's important to note at this point what I knew

and didn't know about the Durst family. This was in 1992. Robert Durst's wife had vanished 10 years before. I knew nothing about that.

I interviewed the patriarch of the family, Seymour Durst, at his home, a brownstone on the Upper East Side. Seymour was a small, elderly man who wore a suit and tie and moved slowly and talked softly. And he was fascinating.

Inside this dark, dusty five-story brownstone—he took me through all five floors, very slowly—he had assembled, on every floor, hundreds of mementos of the recently dismantled and formerly sleazy Times Square. There were signs advertising peep shows, adult bookstores, 24-hour Girls! Girls! Girls!, movie theaters, dance halls, fortuneteller booths and live shows. Much of it, Seymour told me, came

off the fronts of buildings that he owned.

"It's Americana," he told me. "Times Square is changing. These things need to be saved."

He also had a collection of more than 15,000 books all about New York City. Halfway through the tour, he introduced me to a middle-aged woman sitting at a desk.

"She's the librarian, doing the archiving," he told me. "This is probably the largest private collection of books about the city of New York. Major libraries in the city are courting me to leave the collection to them when I pass on. We shall see."


I spent an hour with Seymour Durst. There was something very odd about the whole thing. This was his home. But nobody lived there but him. There was no kitchen, no bedroom that I could see. It was cold and chilling in this brownstone. The shades were drawn. Where was everybody?

Somewhere, afterwards, I learned, there had been some kind of tragedy in his family, possibly with his wife. I never asked him about it that day and he never told me. He also never talked to me about his business.

As he walked me down the stairs to the front door, I thanked him and told him of one particular book in his collection I liked and he said "come back any time." And I did, twice, to read it, read others and see him.

My friendship with Nick Chavin lasted about 10 years. In the real estate dip in 1999, Nick told me he and his partner were discussing a parting of the ways. I continued to see him, several times at his home for drinks, but then after that Nick dropped out of sight. The phone number I had for him was disconnected.

According to the *Times* story on Saturday, Nick had been interviewed numerous times by the authorities about his friendship with Robert Durst. He'd said repeatedly that Durst's friend Susan—who the *Times* said Nick had known even before he knew Durst—said Durst killed his first wife. At first he said he didn't believe her, then later he wasn't sure what to say to the authorities. Then Susan was dead, too. It was time, Nick said, to tell what he'd come to believe was the truth. According to Nick's testimony, Durst had, in private, admitted to killing Susan. "It was either her or me," Durst had told him. Defense attorneys are claiming Nick is now making this up.

Durst, meanwhile, will not talk to him. I hope Nick, wherever he is, is okay. 

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Letter to Editor

About Our Congressman's Cancelled Appearance Here

BY DAN RATTINER

I got a piece of mail the other day, and in it there was this description of the political opponents of the person that sent it.

"Protesters, who have pledged allegiance to the 'indivisible guide' being funded and fueled by the far left nationally, were trying to rename and rebrand the event as a 'town hall.' Unfortunately, this meeting was co-opted, renamed and rebranded by a group of liberal obstructionists who were already holding strategy meetings to turn it into a disruptive show for their own political theater."

Who do you think wrote this? Perhaps Putin, explaining a crackdown on some of his legislators?

Maybe Mugabe, the longtime dictator of Zimbabwe explaining how his opponents were infiltrating his government?

No, it came in an email from the communications director for our local congressman, as she tried to explain why Congressman Lee Zeldin (R, NY), was cancelling a meeting with the general public at the Rogers Memorial Library in Southampton on April 13. A week earlier, an event in East Patchogue honoring Lee Zeldin was picketed by these protesters. Ahead of time, the leader of the protest says she called the police to be on hand to protect the protesters' rights. Nobody was hurt, no damage was done to any property.

Nobody was arrested. Citizens have a right to protest in America.

Nevertheless, because of this protest against our congressman Lee Zeldin in East Patchogue, Mr. Zeldin is cancelling this meeting with his constituents 35 miles away in Southampton for fear that the same people, or perhaps other people, or perhaps even more than other people would show up to protest.

Jennifer DiSiena, this communications director, also took *Dan's Papers* to task for not calling her for a comment first after we wrote and published a story expressing disgust of Mr. Zeldin for cancelling the Southampton appearance. If we had talked to her we'd have learned of the awfulness that Mr. Zeldin had endured, and would not permit himself to endure again.

DiSiena also gave me the names and phone numbers of three individuals who attended this event in East Patchogue. They would tell me more about what happened. I spoke to all three. They confirmed there had been no injuries, arrests or property damage at the event, but one of them said he and his wife had to endure the unsettling act of driving down the road between the protesters lining the sides of the street. His car had been punched by someone, he thought, without harming it. The third individual said a protester with a flashlight had for a few seconds shined it in his

eyes while he was driving and inching along.

Mostly, they said, that unlike Zeldin or DiSiena, they didn't mind the protest since it is legal to have one in America, but it was a shame they had to have this one because this was the Rotary's biggest fundraiser of the year—they are all members of the local Rotary—and the fear of protest kept numerous attendees home, reducing the amount of money raised. All money collected by Rotary is given to charity—food pantries etc. Lee Zeldin was their "Man of the Year."

They confirmed there had been no injuries, arrests or property damage at the event, but one of them said he had to drive between protestors...

The Indivisible Guide, by the way, is real. It was written as a national protest advisory for members of the Tea Party who wanted to know about how to "act up" while protesting against liberal politicians in America. No liberal politician that I know of refused to show up when those tactics were used against him or her. It's part of the give and take of America.

Or is it just okay for the right to do this, but run for the hills if the left (Continued on next page)

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tries it? It is quite apparent now that President Trump wants no part of the tripartite system of our constitutional government. These checks and balances—the Legislative, the Judicial and the Executive—are the foundations of our democracy. The Congress legislates, the courts decide if it is legal and the president runs the government and wields a veto.

This president now is running the country by issuing edicts. He has usurped what the Congress is supposed to do, and he chastises and insults court judges.

Lee Zeldin, after enduring the reaction to the

cancellation of his appearance in Southampton a month later, polled his constituents. The poll, which is still up, has five questions. Four were innocuous. The third was, "Do you believe a Congress should be a check and balance on President Trump or help President Trump pass his agenda?"

Mr. Zeldin, Congress has done no legislating whatsoever since President Trump came to power that I see. It's laid down like a rug to be trampled upon by this president. In Russia, there's a legislature that does that. Here, there is not supposed to be. Do your job. This is not

even a question you should have to ask.

Here's a good place to start. Sponsor a bill to provide amnesty to any illegal immigrant who can prove he has been in America for more than two years without being convicted of a felony. It would be a one-time amnesty, available only to those people without papers who are already here. People availing themselves of this would be issued a two-year work permit so they could pay taxes on the money they make. Then, if they complete the two years without a felony, they would be entitled to a green card. The law would not apply to anyone who came in illegally after the date the law went into effect. It would be a one-time thing only.

There is considerable precedent for this kind of law. For instance, there is already a law where a convicted felon can, five years further on, apply to have the arrest, conviction and time served expunged—but only if he or she has had a clean record since the legal action happened. It's as if it never happened. All traces in the books of what they did are gone. They get on with their lives.

I am sure there are many Republicans who will be happy to tighten immigration laws into America, deport bad guys back to where they came from, but not put up with this heartless, disgusting, un-American presidential order to send law abiding families of long standing back out of the country along with the rest.

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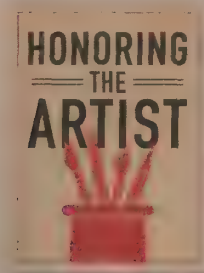
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the quacking and slapping of big webbed feet."

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Why is it important for an artist to evolve?

I think that the natural predator of creativity is stagnation. For years, I had a nice little niche going for myself doing commissioned

portraits of children. It was necessary, therefore, to work from photographs. I had a winning formula for sure, but there was also a restlessness within that I couldn't ignore. Emmet Fox refers to it as "divine disturbance," the moment when the caterpillar longs to be a butterfly. So, once I had more time in the studio, I made the decision to work primarily from life. It was painful at first, because I was out of my comfort zone and the ego hates that; but the rewards, specifically the growth in my work, have been immense.

Who are some local artists whose work you admire?

The local artist inspiring me the most these days is my daughter, Edwina Lucas, who is currently working on a series of woodland paintings for a show this September at ILLEArts in Amagansett. In retrospect, I'm forever grateful to the late Jack Riggio of Southampton for his expertise and manner. He was the first artist to critique my work way back in the '90s and was so gentle, nurturing and generous with his time and attention to my work. I admire so many working artists on the East End right now, many of whom I've known for years,



like Dinah Maxwell Smith, Dan Rizzie, Terry Elkins and John Alexander. There's an influx of painters that come every summer to show at Grenning Gallery, including Melissa Franklin Sanchez, Ramiro Sanchez and Ben Fenske.

What piece of advice have you received from another artist that you've always remembered?

When I was just starting to paint *en plein air* it was

easier to find excuses to stay in the studio, instead of the courage to face the great big world. Artist Roos Schuring told me: "Just take your easel out for a walk." She made it sound so easy. I think of her words all the time.

Do you have advice for aspiring painters?

Paint every day, and if you can't get the paints out, grab a pencil and draw.

Where can our readers find your work?

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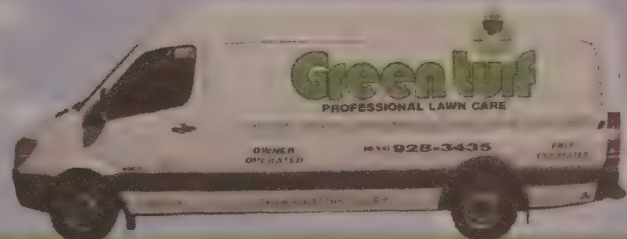
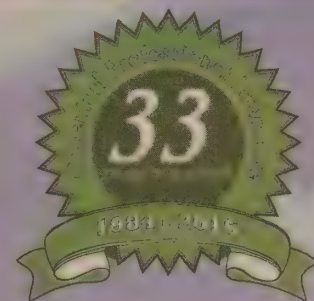
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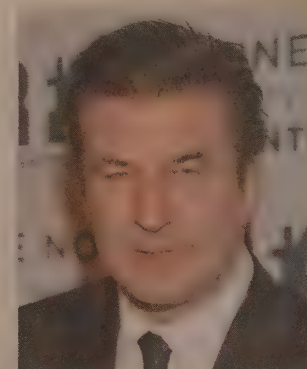
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A Talk with Summer Camp Experts

BY BRIAN CUDZILO

Four out of five experts are always agreeing on something. But who are these experts and what do they know? Well, here at Dan's Papers, we're already thinking about summer—summer camps, to be specific. What to bring, what to expect, what to do; the pressing questions. We wanted to get our own expert opinions on summer camps, and who better to ask than actual summer campers. So we convened two panels of eager campers aged two to seven to see what's what when it comes to summer camp.

We first talked to Isla, 7, and her sister Nina, 2. Isla is a Hayground Camp regular, and Nina is looking forward to her first summer at camp. There's so much that Isla likes about camp that it's difficult to choose. She specified trapeze, though she says "it's terrifying. It looks a really long way down when you're climbing up the ladder." She adds that she's not scared anymore because she's been doing it for a couple of years.

Of all the choices at Hayground Camp, Isla prefers swimming (she learned to swim at camp) and art, though woodshop is not far behind. In years past, Isla has made a bed for her stuffed animals and a birdhouse—with the help of counselors. This year, she'd like to make a bookcase. Isla also mentions liking Superheroes Day, Field Day and the Follies talent show. "I've pretty much done everything," she says.

Isla likes Hayground Camp so much she's already considering the CIT (Counselor in Training) program for when she's 14. As a matter of fact, she can't think of a single thing she dislikes; not even one thing she wishes were different. Well, maybe the puppet shows. "They're all about potty talk," she says.

She also has a word of advice for counselors: "Let the CIC (Camper in Crime) attack you."

Isla claims with a smile that the CIC once made a counselor eat sand, though she is tight lipped about other incidents.

Enter Nina in an Elsa dress and tiara. She'll be going to Hayground for the first time this year. Isla's advice: "Listen to the counselors. People who are just starting camp don't have choices so they have to listen to counselors more. Nina's going to love it," she says, encouraging her sister to add to the conversation. "I'm gonna be in the Belugas," Nina says excitedly, stretching out the U. She is thrilled to hear that her sister will say hello to her at camp and gives her a hug. She is looking forward to giving her sister a kiss, swimming and yoga, specifically Tree Pose and Tic-Toc. A demonstration of the poses and a song ensued, during which an eye may or may not have been accidentally poked. This ends our conversation.

Audrey is 6 and three-quarters. She attends Future Stars Summer Camp in Southampton. "What I like about it is that I play tennis there because I love playing tennis," she says. Like Isla, she looks forward to swimming at camp. She also explains Gaga, a

game in which "if you get hit by a [kick] ball on your knees or below, you're out. But if you get hit on the head, or between the head and the thigh, you're not out." Perhaps her favorite part about camp are the water slides.

"Big Kahuna is up every Thursday and you slide down it," she explains. "It's an inflatable slide, and there's a ladder and someone at the top spraying water, that you slide down and at the bottom there's water. It's like a slip 'n' slide, [which] is something that's up every Tuesday, and there's two different ways you can go down and at the end there's a big puddle of water. And sometimes you go real fast and then you dive into the thing and your face gets all soaked."

Also like Isla, Audrey can't think of anything she dislikes about camp because she "loves camp a lot." Her tips to new campers: "Bring extra water and wear a sun hat so you don't get sunburned." 🐻

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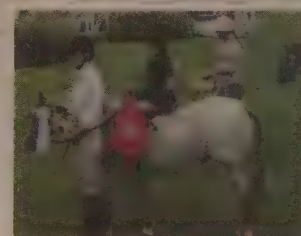
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Bonac Tonic, Still Thinking Outside the Box

BY BRIAN CUDZILO

Longtime East Enders might fondly recall the original Bonac Tonic drink made by Schwenk's Dairy, with its pure cane sugar. But there's a newer Bonac Tonic haunting the East End—and they make art! The Bonac Tonic Art Collective, founded in 2005 by twins Carly and Grant Haffner, is an organized group of painters, sculptors, photographers, and other artists, East Enders all, who held their first show at Ashawagh Hall in 2005 and are still stirring up the local art scene more than a decade later.

The Haffners grew up in Springs, where as kids they attended Ashawagh Hall art shows and Springs Fisherman's Fairs. "It seemed natural to try to be a part of it," they say when we talk about their upcoming show. But when the Haffners first set out to get their art exhibited, it appeared the art world didn't take them seriously. "Galleries seemed unapproachable and intimidating," they say. This forced them to find alternative outlets to show their work, and so the Bonac Tonic Art Collective was founded.

"Art is hard," they say, speaking from experience. "Having time to make it, affording supplies to create it, then finding a way to exhibit it: all of this is very difficult and can be overwhelming for any artist. Having the support of a small group of like-minded people can really help keep you motivated." It takes a village, or a collective. The Haffners point out that "there needs to be more opportunities within



"Burning Down the Childhood Home" by Carly Haffner

the gallery system for new artists to exhibit, that doesn't cost them an arm and a leg, and doesn't discourage them in the process." Speaking of which, if you're an aspiring East End artist looking to break through, the Haffners say they're always looking for new artists, and encourage those interested to get in touch through their Facebook page, Tonic Artspace. "If we had waited around to be included in galleries, some of us would have never exhibited our work at all," they say.

This Saturday, March 11, the Collective returns home to Ashawagh Hall for its 12-year birthday bash. "Our goal is to create an environment for viewing art that is lighthearted and approachable, including

as many people as possible in the process," the Haffners say. This is the first time the Collective has raised funds through crowd funding to help cover the costs of the exhibition. "It's because of the amazing support of our friends, family, fans and followers that we were able to have this show," they say, adding, "Thank you so much. We couldn't have done it without you!" Good job everybody!

This year's show, titled Bonac Tonic: Legacy, will feature brand new art work from local artists Arrex Skulls, Carly Haffner, Christine Lidrbauch, Eddie Cortes, Grant Haffner, Lisa Federici, Maeve D'Arcy, Michael Weisman, Oliver Peterson and Scott Gibbons. "At this show we're introducing some brand new artists, but the fun and energetic atmosphere will be the same," they say. For example: the Haffners say the Collective "started wearing red beanie caps to the majority of our shows, as homage to the movie *The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou*." It was also a way to bring the Collective together.

The only thing inside the box will be The Pop-up Cardboard Gift Shop, which will sell artist's prints, stickers and other artist-made merchandise. Thanks to the amazing support, the shop will have their first Bonac Tonic Green Box stickers. So get out there and support your local artists. 🧢

Bonac Tonic: Legacy will be showing Saturday, March 11 from 6-9 p.m. and Sunday, March 12 until 4 p.m. at Ashawagh Hall, 780 Springs Fireplace Road, East Hampton 631-267-6554

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Gilbert Gottfried Coming to Suffolk March 24

BY BRIAN CUDZILO

Gilbert Gottfried was only 15 when he performed his first stand-up open mic in New York. Forty-seven years later, the now firmly established comedian will bring his distinctive voice to Suffolk Theater in Riverhead on Friday, March 24. Gottfried took some time before the start of his new tour to talk about his career, the time he was fired by Donald Trump and his podcast, *Gilbert Gottfried's Amazing Colossal Podcast!*

After 47 years, do you have a favorite role?

The first movie that got me noticed was my scene in *Beverly Hills Cop II* with the traffic tickets, with me and Eddie Murphy. I liked that because that was a totally ad-libbed scene. Now when it comes on TV I look at myself and say, "Who's that guy?"

Is there an episode of your podcast you'd particularly recommend?

I don't know how many people remember this guy. Growing up there used to be a kiddie show called *Wonderama* and the host was Sonny Fox. He's in his 90s now. I was expecting one of those *Kids Say the Darndest Things* interviews, which I thought would have been fine. And it turns out he was a prisoner of war during World War II and he experienced—him and his whole troop—being in a train car held prisoner, then he spoke about the blacklist. He was a surprising one. And some of them are just funny and interesting. Dick Van Dyke was a lot of fun.

Can you talk about being fired by Donald Trump on "Celebrity Apprentice?"

[Laughs] Yes. It's one of the reality shows that makes me laugh because the first day you're



Comedian Gilbert Gottfried looking so very innocent

Courtesy Suffolk Theater

there the most important thing to all the people on it is their charity. Then they get lost in the challenge of the show and I would watch them and think, "Do you really think that if you sell the most cupcakes in this challenge that you're going to be running Trump Enterprises?" But I don't know much about him. The few times I've run into him during *Celebrity Apprentice* or afterwards at publicity things, I found him to be a perfectly okay guy. When he got to be president I thought, "I'll bet he himself is more surprised than anybody."

Have you ever been out to the East End of Long Island before?

My life is kind of like those guys in the movie where the lead character has amnesia. And all of a sudden, I'll pick up a matchbook or something and get a flashback. There have been entire states that I swore I've never been to, and then I get to the club and I see that I've signed the wall. And then I go, "Okay, I've been here."

Do you have any advice for an aspiring stand-up comic?

I think back on when I was starting and I always attribute it to stupidity. Stupidity made me think I should go into show business and I'd actually have a chance at it. Stupidity kept me going because I didn't think in terms of the odds against anybody making it. And you see a disappointed look on people's faces when they ask and I tell them the answer which is, keep going to comedy clubs that will put you on, keep your fingers crossed and keep doing it. And I see that disappointed look. It's like when people ask you how to lose weight. They don't want to hear "Eat less cake and ice cream and exercise." They want to hear, "There's a new way where you eat all the ice cream you want, you sit around and watch TV and lose the weight." What scares me now—because when you get older you get more realistic—I couldn't have started doing comedy or anything in show biz now because [I'd] look at the odds. That's something I think about. 🐼

Gilbert Gottfried performs at Suffolk Theater, 118 East Main Street, Riverhead on Friday, March 24 at 8 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for drinks and dinner. Tickets \$49 & \$60 at suffolktheater.com, 631-727-4343



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BY BRIAN CUDZILO

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The two-story Federal-style home, known as Hamilton Grange, was designed by John McComb, Jr.—the same architect who designed the Montauk Point Lighthouse—and was completed in 1802. Diane Lewis, of the Friends of the Library, points out that the Upper Manhattan estate was the only home ever owned by Hamilton, and that he was able to enjoy it for just two years before he was killed at age 50 in the infamous 1804 duel with Aaron Burr.

Hamilton was only 17—possibly only 15—when he arrived in what would become the United States. That's right, no one tell Donald, but this beloved Founding Father, face of the \$10 bill and personal friend and confidant of George Washington himself, emigrated from the small Caribbean island of Nevis in 1772. He was only 20, serving as George Washington's aide-de-camp, when the Revolution broke out. At only 32 years old, Hamilton served as a delegate from New York to the Constitutional Convention advocating for a strong national government; he was still shy of 40 when he became the first Secretary of the Treasury.

So what might this political wunderkind think of our current political culture? Lewis says she thinks he would be “an outspoken critic of some of the practices going on in Washington today.” She also notes that Hamilton was very outspoken and would probably be influential, and for those reasons he might accrue enemies. She goes on to say that it's an interesting comparison, our federal government at the moment and what the Founding Fathers intended and hoped it would be.

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And you certainly don't have to have seen the runaway Broadway hit musical to enjoy this Hamilton-themed trip—Lewis hasn't seen *Hamilton*, though she does have tickets for a September show. But it might not be a bad idea to brush up on your



Hamilton Grange in Manhattan

Hamilton history. Lewis recommends the *Hamilton* soundtrack and a couple of books in addition to the classic biography, *Alexander Hamilton* by Ron Chernow; *Alexander Hamilton: A Life* by Willard Randall and *War of Two* by John Sedgwick, which is about the abovementioned duel.

The cost of the trip is \$80 and includes admission to the Hamilton Grange National Monument and a private, guided tour; lunch at Harlem's famous Sylvia's Restaurant; and round-trip Jetney transportation from Sag Harbor. This special tour is limited to 30 people, so book today by contacting the John Jermain Memorial Library at 631-725-0049 or typing johnjermain.org into your browser. 🐾

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SATURDAY, MARCH 25
Jamesport 1 p.m. Starts at North Railroad Avenue.
SUNDAY, MARCH 26
Montauk 11:30 a.m. Runs up Edgemere Road and turns onto Main Street.

KID CALENDAR

For more events happening this week, check out:

Calendar above

THURSDAY, MARCH 9
ACT TWO TEEN COMMUNITY THEATER 6 p.m. Teens grades 8–12. Classes in performing and theater writing. Hampton Bays Community Center, 25 Ponquogue Avenue, Hampton Bays. 631-702-2421 southamptontownny.gov
FRIDAY, MARCH 10
PLAY-DOH TIME AT JOHN JERMAIN LIBRARY 3:30 p.m. John Jermain Library, 201 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0049 johnjermain.org

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT AT RIVERHEAD FREE LIBRARY
7 p.m. All ages. Riverhead Free Library, 330 Court Street, Riverhead. 631-727-3228 riverheadlibrary.org

SATURDAY, MARCH 11
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DR. SEUSS! AT CMEE 10 a.m. Craft a <i>Cat in the Hat</i> -inspired hat, read stories and more. Children's Museum of the East End, 376 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-8250 cmeec.org


LEPRECHAUN TREASURE HUNT AT JOHN JERMAIN MEMORIAL LIBRARY
11 a.m. Follow the clues around the library to the Pot of Gold. John Jermain Library, 201 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0049 johnjermain.org

CRAFTERNOON AT SOUTHAMPTON ARTS CENTER
11:30 a.m. Fun with crafts with Macaroni Kid. 25 Jobs Lane, Southampton. 631-283-0967 southamptonartscenter.org

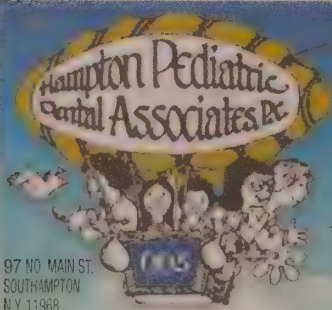
SUNDAY, MARCH 12
LEGO CLUB AT CMEE 10 a.m. Fun with Lego bricks. Children's Museum of the East End, 376 Bridgehampton-Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-8250 cmeec.org

YOUTH COURT AT SOUTHAMPTON TOWN JUSTICE COURT
6 p.m. Kids learn how the court system works. Southampton Town Justice Court, 32 Jackson Avenue, Hampton Bays. 631-702-2425 southamptontownny.gov/youthbureau

TUESDAY, MARCH 14
LEGO CLUB AT JOHN JERMAIN LIBRARY 3:30 p.m. Kids can enjoy Lego building. John Jermain Library, 201 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0049 johnjermain.org

 SEE MANY MORE EVENTS AT DANSPAPERS.COM.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15
BARBIE BONANZA AT JOHN JERMAIN LIBRARY 3:30 p.m. Girls and boys can enjoy playing with Barbie. John Jermain Library, 201 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0049 johnjermain.org
THURSDAY, MARCH 16
STORYTIME AT THE QUOGUE LIBRARY 11–11:45 a.m. Storytime with books, songs and a craft at the end! Registration required. Quogue Library, 90 Quogue Street, Quogue. 631-653-4884 quoguelibrary.org
ACT TWO TEEN COMMUNITY THEATER 6 p.m. Teens grades 8–12. Classes in performing and theater writing. Hampton Bays Community Center, 25 Ponquogue Avenue, Hampton Bays. 631-702-2421 southamptontownny.gov
UPCOMING EVENTS
SOUTHAMPTON LITTLE LEAGUE SPRING REGISTRATION Through 4/1. Boys and girls ages 5–12. Southampton Little League, P.O. Box 335, Water Mill. southamptonlittleleague.com
15TH ANNUAL BATTLE OF THE BANDS REGISTRATION Through 4/30. Bands must consist of at least three performing musicians. Southampton Youth Bureau, 116 Hampton Road, Southampton. 631-702-2425 southamptontownny.gov/youthbureau

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Almond in Bridgehampton offers live entertainment monthly in the form of Artists & Writers Nights that feature local artists with international reach. Sometimes musicians, sometimes poets, sometimes visual artists, always fun. The restaurant's namesake, artist Almond Zigmund herself, organizes the nights. Her husband chef Jason Weiner plans food for these evenings that relates to the presentation in some way and is served family style. You can find more information about these gatherings at almondrestaurant.com, but reservations for these special nights are only taken over the phone at 631-537-5665.

Baron's Cove in Sag Harbor is relatively new to the area in that the new resort maintains the name and footprint of the original structure after a lengthy renovation. It has built a solid reputation for being a go-to happy hour and

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Bay Burger on the Bridgehampton Turnpike, just outside of Sag Harbor, offers house-ground burgers and other fast-food-made-from-good-ingredients in a family-friendly atmosphere. Every Thursday, Bay Burger hosts the popular live Jazz Jam Session from 7-9 p.m. No cover or reservations required. If you'd like to perform, contact Claes Brondal at drummersaint@hotmail.com. Stop at the farmstand next door in season (Continued on next page)



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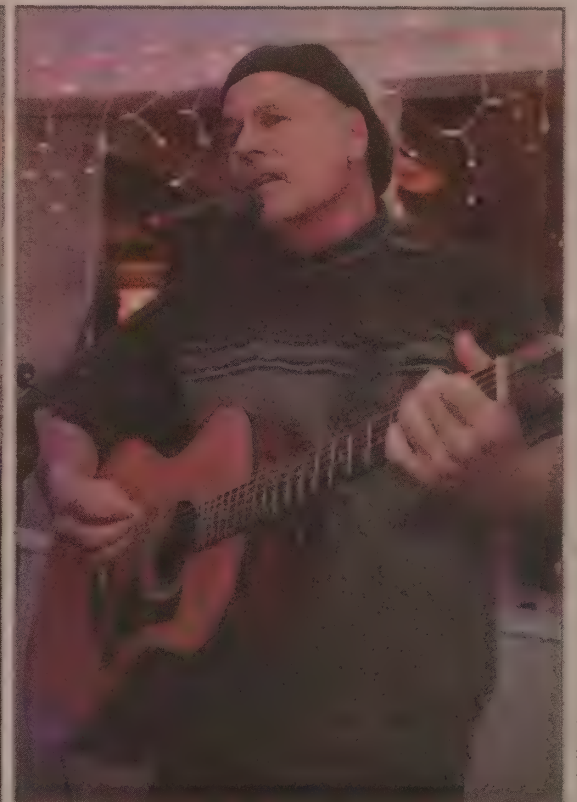
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The Coast Grill in Noyac offers a seafood rich menu—and a kids' menu—with panache. Expect friendly service and a fabulous sunset over the water. On Sundays, The Coast Grill hosts local musicians performing live in the East End Opry's mini-set and not-so-open-mic format. thecoastgrillrestaurant.com

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North Fork Roasting Co. Craft Coffee Roasters ("NoFoRoCo") in Southold has become a magnet for coffee lovers and local musicians alike (often, they are very much alike). Watch for upcoming open mics on nofororcoastingco.com

The new **Riverhead Cider House** tasting room and restaurant on Sound Avenue in Calverton promises to bring live music into the happy mix—of in-house hard cider, gourmet food and local beer and wine—soon. Their two dueling player pianos aren't getting any younger, after all. riverheadcider.com

The **Saltbox Restaurant & Bar** in Montauk is live year-round. Check out local fave duo Spaghetti Westerners there on Friday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. Look for guitarist J.J. Sansaverino every Monday. montauksaltbox.com

Suffolk Theater is an Art Deco gem, right on Riverhead's Main Street, that books a wide array of music and other live entertainments. It will come as welcome news to many regulars that this theater now offers a new menu from their new chef, Matt Kar, owner of the Jamesport Manor Inn and Christopher Michael Catering. In addition to the *a la carte* menu, the theater offers a more substantial *prix fixe* option. Kar is also the chef for private events, including corporate affairs and weddings. Upcoming Suffolk Theater shows include Joplin's Pearl March 10, Mary Wilson of the Supremes April 1, Vanilla Fudge April 7, Dave Davies April 22, Roger McGuinn April 28 and Judy Collins May 21. suffolktheater.com

Townline BBQ in Sagaponack frequently offers live music in their bar area, and barbeque all over the joint. That's hot. "Bands, Brews & BBQ" kicks it every Friday in March from 5 to 8 p.m. Each week guests may enjoy "smokin' hot tunes," alongside the happy hour menu, with no cover. A selection of happy hour items include \$8 fresh lime margaritas, \$6 cocktails on tap, \$4 12 oz. cans of beer, \$6 wings, \$3 warm pretzels and more. On Friday, March 10 "Smokin' Hot Tunes - Fridays at Townline Bands, Brews and BBQ" welcomes Montauk's Lynn Blue Band. townlinebbq.com

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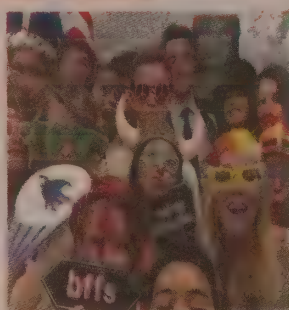
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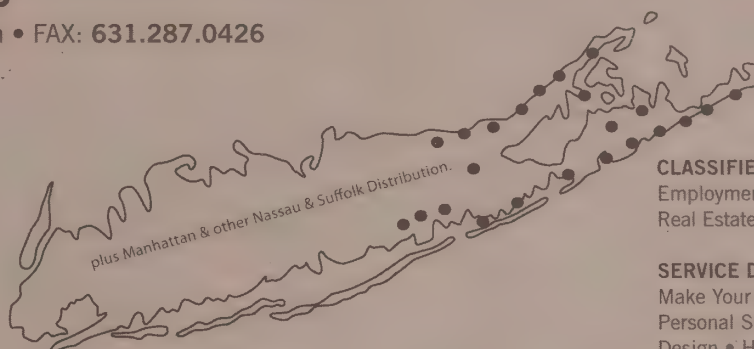
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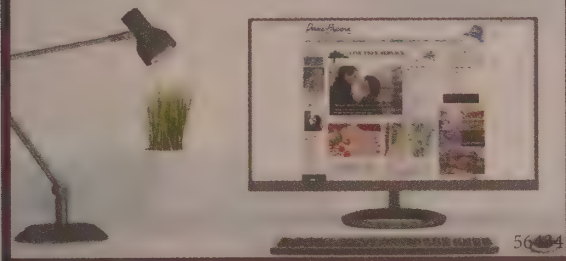
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How Trump's Presidency Could Affect Hamptons

BY LAURA EULER

TTrump is only the third president, the other two being George Washington and Zachary Taylor, to have made his fortune in real estate. So it's safe to assume that Trump will favor the real estate sector of the economy, and possibly particularly the luxury real estate sector. Let's take a look at how the new president may influence factors that affect our local market.

The first and most important factor affecting the Hamptons market is Wall Street. And the mood on Wall Street, we hear, is ebullient as President Trump signs orders to roll back financial regulations and as the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) faces budget cuts. Wall Street says that slashing regulations will enable economic growth. The Dow has been rising steadily since the election. (It doesn't hurt that many of Trump's biggest Wall Street backers all have homes in the Hamptons: people like John Paulson, Carl Icahn, Wilbur Ross, Anthony Scaramucci, and new Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin.)

So that's one in the plus column.

Another issue is lending. While many real estate deals in the Hamptons are all cash, many aren't, particularly in the \$1 million to \$3 million range. Less stringent mortgage underwriting could help that market. We hear that while credit is still tight, it's loosening up. The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is expected to rise due to lower taxes and increased defense and infrastructure spending. Interest rates may rise, though, if GDP growth leads to inflation.



What about foreigners? Non-Russian foreigners may be feeling a chill from Trump, and in most luxury real estate markets, foreign buyers have been key to growth. But not in the Hamptons, oddly enough. The Chinese investors, for example, don't much like the Hamptons. They prefer Long Island's North Shore.

So that's neutral.

Two in the plus column. We're getting bigly here.

Next up is taxes. Trump wants to change the number of tax brackets from the current seven to three, and lower the current top rate from 39.6% to 33%. That should free a lot of cash for new summer homes, rich folks!

Such tax changes might not affect Trump, though. Trump says he uses commercial real estate depreciation to avoid paying any taxes himself. (Not that we know for sure, because he refuses to release his tax returns.) However, only real estate professionals can write off real estate losses against their regular income. Anyway, commercial real estate is not a big deal in the Hamptons.

Three. Yuge!

Another smaller factor is undocumented workers. It's no secret that the construction trade relies heavily on immigrants for labor. Mass deportations could create a very tight labor market for construction, meaning that construction costs would rise, as would costs for new homes and renovations.

Our guess: overall, Trump will be good for real estate in general and the Hamptons in particular, at least in the short term. Our hope is that all these legal rollbacks don't result in a repeat of the disaster of 2008.

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This aerial shot of the Lobster Inn property shows room for a lot more than lobsters.

In a prime location, the Lobster Inn has been a Southampton landmark since 1969. The restaurant plus surrounding land was sold in 2012 but is now back on the market, asking \$11.5 million. Represented by David Donohue and Joe Peraino of Douglas Elliman, the waterfront property offers many options for a new owner: either as a restaurant or developed as single-family homes or townhouses. The zoning on the property would allow for 13 single-family homes and there's a variance in place for townhouses with the abandonment of restaurant use, though site plans or individual lots are not yet approved.

"A buyer can bring his own imagination and amend or re-address what is approved by the town," says David Donohue. We'll be interested to see what happens. 🏠
—Laura Euler

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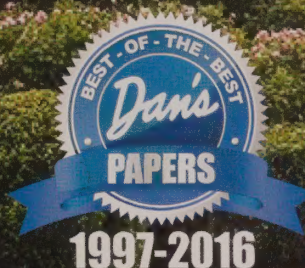
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